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WARRNAMBOOL CHRISTIAN CRUSADE.

From May 21st to the 30th Warrnambool citizens may expect an invasion by a force of young Christians from the University of Melbourne. About 40 of them are coming to conduct a campaign in all the Protestant Churches. Because they are young people their appeal will primarily be to youth, but old and young may expect to benefit by their infectious faith and their straightforward devotion to the Lord of us all.

Last year, Hamilton was deeply stirred by a similar visit, and Churches there are still feeling the benefits of the spiritual impetus received. Impressed with what was done there, the Warrnambool Ministers' Fraternal invited the Evangelical Union at Melbourne University to send a similar team here, and they have readily responded.

A team will work in each Church and be given hospitality by that Church. There will be two ordained ministers who will act as leaders and chief speakers. Some members will concentrate on conducting children's after-school groups. For adults there will be a Town Hall meeting, and several combined rallies in the Churches.

The Presbyterian team will be led by Mr. Rhys Price, a theological student of Ormond College, who, with others will help in the conduct of Church services. Their main work among us, however, will be in house parties for young people held in private homes, where closer fellowship and more intimate conversations can be had.

The whole campaign aims at the deepening of the spiritual life of the Churches, and will be conducted in a spirit of prayer. We ask every member of the congregation to pray that the work of the youth team among us may be greatly blessed by God, and may enrich the whole life of our Church.

ST. JOHN'S PULPIT CALENDAR FOR MAY.

Sunday, May 1st.—	a.m. A Christian Rationalist—Doubting Thomas. p.m. The Many Forms of Christ.
Sunday, 8th—	Assembly Sunday. 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. The Rev. E. Gwyn Miller, B.A., of Abbotsford.
Sunday, 15th—	a.m. Assembly Report. p.m. Target for Today: The Church's Task in the modern world.
Sunday, 22nd—	a.m. Crusaders' Service. p.m. Crusaders' Service.
Sunday, 29th—	a.m. Broadcast service, 3YB. p.m. Called by God.

PRAYER FOR THE MONTH.

After Church Rally in Christ Church.

O God, who sent Thy Son Jesus Christ to live in this world as a young man, and to call other young men into life changing fellowship with him; beckon irresistibly through that same living Jesus Christ to the youth of our day, and especially those in our city; that forsaking all lesser concerns, they may give themselves unreservedly to the great and glorious service of Thy Kingdom throughout the world. Thus may Christ be exalted in our midst and His will be done in every sphere of life, and to Him be the glory at all times. Amen.

PROGRAMME OF CRUSADE AT ST. JOHN'S.

After Church Rally in Christ Church.

Sat. May 21st.—	Arrive by train. Meet hostesses.
Sunday, 22nd.—	Address Sunday School and Bible Classes. Conduct Church services at St. John's, South Warrnambool, Dennington.
Monday, 23rd.—	School Children's Meeting—St. John's Hall, 4.15 p.m. Public meeting—Town Hall.
Tuesday, 24th.—	Religious Instruction in schools. Broadcast over 3YB. House Party in evening.
Wednesday, 25th.—	House Party in evening.
Thursday, 26th.—	Religious Instruction at High and Technical Schools. House Party in evening.
Friday, 27th.—	P.F.A.
Saturday, 28th.—	Afternoon Picnic. (Combined) Evening: Youth Rally (Combined) Methodist Hall.
Sunday, 29th.—	Assist in Church Services. Final Rally after Church services in Anglican Church.

P.W.M.U. EVENING BRANCH.

At our meeting last month Mrs. Astbury gave us a very interesting talk and demonstration on making posies. This was most instructive and very much enjoyed by us all.

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, 3rd inst., when our speaker's item is to be "play reading." All ladies will be most welcome to attend.

—J. GAZLEY, Secretary.

REPORT OF ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING.

The Sunday School Hall was filled to capacity on Friday, 25th March, on the occasion of the Annual Congregational Meeting when the 100th reports and balance sheets were presented.

Gratification was experienced by several speakers on the fact that this year St. John's had contributed its full quota of £265 to the budget schemes of the Church—an achievement that had not previously been accomplished. The Church Treasurer, Mr. Lindsay, pointed out that envelope and ordinary collections had increased by over £75 on last year's figures, and that the mortgage account was in a much better position than had been anticipated.

Some concern was expressed at the fact that whereas the Church paper cost £43 per annum to publish, contributions to defray the cost amounted to less than £10. It was, however, unanimously decided to retain the paper in its present form, but that every effort be made to collect the annual subscription of 3/- from each reader.

Alterations to the front of the Church consequent upon the rebuilding and electrification of the organ were also discussed. Mr. Miller, with the aid of a diagram, outlined the proposed site for the new console, and the Board's recommendations to remove the central communion railing and re-erect it in front of the Choir was adopted. A further recommendation from the Board to increase the Minister's stipend to £500 per annum was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. Arthur Davidson was appointed a Church Trustee in the place of the late Mr. S. M. Cromie and Messrs W. Sellars. F. A. Spear and Holland were elected to fill the vacancies on the Board of Management.

P.W.M.U.—AFTERNOON BRANCH.

At our last meeting we had the pleasure of an address by Mr. P. Mathieson who told us of his work as missionary at the native settlement, Framlingham, and we learned of several ways in which we could lend a helping hand. Good, used clothing is acceptable at the settlement; not to be given indiscriminately, but to Mr. Mathieson, who will deliver same to really deserving cases. Addressed parcels could be left at, and would be collected, from Mr. Collett's business address.

May 10th is to be a New Hebridean afternoon. Please remember gifts for Miss Maloney's Mission Box.

—E. HENDERSON, Hon. Sec.

REPORT OF P.F.A.

Our P.F.A. is still a very active association. Meetings are held fortnightly and are always interesting and instructive. We were represented at the Easter Camp at Camperdown by eight of our members. All thoroughly enjoyed Camp life and returned with fresh ideas, and hope to pass these on to our Branch when we give our "Impressions of Camp" at a later meeting.

At our last meeting, we entertained the young people of the Baptist Church, and a Biblical cricket match was the syllabus item. The honours went to the visiting team. We would welcome any young people who would care to join us.

—MARGARET FYFFE, Hon. Sec.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION.

Curtains have now been purchased for the Kindergarten. As well as adding comfort to the hall, they are both decorative and useful. Same are to be used as a blackout in order to use the projector for visual Bible stories.

Will parents please note that the next meeting of the Association is for Friday evening, 27th May.

—E. HENDERSON, Hon. Sec.

DUTY ROSTER FOR MAY.

ELDERS.

Vestry: Messrs. Richards and Lea.
Door: Messrs. Nicoll and Dimond.

MANAGERS.

Morning: Dr. Angus and Mr. Holland.
Evening: Messrs. Hannan and Spear.

LADIES' FLOWER GUILD.

May 1—Miss E. Forrester.
" 8—Miss M. Goldie.
" 15—Miss J. Gunn.
" 22—Mrs. J. Low.
" 29—Mrs. A. A. McLennan.
June 5—Communion.

CRECHE ROSTER.

May 1—Miss N. Swinton and Mrs. Morris.
" 8—Mrs. J. Grayson, Gwen McKenzie and Beverley Homer.
" 15—Mrs. A. Pearson, Gay Waller and Margaret Chandler.
" 22—Mrs. A. Fotheringham and Betty Fotheringham.
" 29—Mrs. J. Wilkinson and Nola McMillan.
June 5—Mrs. Collet and Margaret Rollo.

COMING EVENTS.

May 2—7.30 p.m.: Board of Management.
" 3—7.45 p.m.: P. W. M. U.—Evening Branch—Syllabus item: Play Reading.
" 10—2.30 p.m.: P.W.M.U. Afternoon Branch—New Hebridean Afternoon.
" 27—8 p.m.: Parents' Club.
" 31 7.30 p.m.: Kirk Session.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria meets in Melbourne, commencing on Monday, 2nd May. The Moderator-elect is the Rev. R. J. Howie, B.A., of Malvern. The Minister and representative elder (Mr. J. Shade) expect to attend, and a report will be made to the congregation after they return. On Assembly Sunday St. John's services will be conducted by the Rev. E. Gwyn Miller, B.A., brother of our minister.

PARISH REGISTER.

BAPTISMS.—27th March, William John, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Abernethy. Nicholson st., Warrnambool.

MARRIAGES.—26th March, Dorothy Jean Ward to Donald Keith Hanlon. 9th April, Hilda Mary Carter to James William Fraser. 16th April, Shirley Shiells to Ian Leslie Cameron.

FUNERALS.— 30th March, James Lewis Patten of Warrnambool.